# IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

| IN RE; NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE PLAYERS' CONCUSSION INJURY LITIGATION, | ) | No. 2:12-md-02323 – AB     |
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| TEATERS CONCUSSION INJURY EITIGATION,                                  | ) | MDL NO. 2323               |
|  | ) |                            |
| Second Amended Master Administrative Long-                             | ) | SHORT FORM COMPLAINT       |
| Form Complaint Against Riddell Defendants and                          | ) |                            |
| (if applicable)  | ) | IN RE: NATIONAL FOOTBALL   |
| Rodney Bailey, et al.  | ) | LEAGUE PLAYERS' CONCUSSION |
| v. National Football League [et al.],                                  | ) | INJURY LITIGATION          |
| No. 2:12-cv-05372-AB   | ) | JURY TRIAL DEMANDED        |

### SHORT FORM COMPLAINT AGAINST RIDDELL DEFENDANTS

- 1. Plaintiff(s) <u>Daniel L. Reece, Sr.</u> (and, if applicable (Plaintiff's Spouse)

  <u>Kimberly Reece</u> bring(s) this civil action as a related action in the matter entitled IN RE:

  NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE PLAYERS' CONCUSSION INJURY LITIGATION,

  MDL No. 2323.
- 2. Plaintiff(s) are filing this Short Form Complaint against Riddell Defendants as required by this Court's Case Management Order ECF No. 7709, filed May 18, 2017.
- 3. Plaintiff (and, if applicable, Plaintiff's Spouse) continue to maintain claims against Riddell Defendants after a Class Action Settlement was entered into between the NFL Defendants and certain Plaintiffs.
- 4. Plaintiff (and, if applicable, Plaintiff's Spouse) incorporate by reference the allegations (as designated below) of the Second Amended Master Administrative Long-Form

Complaint Against Riddell Defendants, as is fully set forth at length in this Short Form Complaint. However, Plaintiff denies that there is federal subject matter jurisdiction over this action.

|     | 5. | Plaintiff is filing this case in a representative capacity as the                                 |
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|     |    | of having been duly appointed as  |
| the |    | by the Court of   |
|     | 6. | Plaintiff, <u>Daniel L. Reece, Sr</u> , is a resident and citizen of <u>California</u> and claims |

7. Plaintiff's Spouse, <u>Kimberly Reece</u>, is a resident and citizen of <u>California</u>, and claims damages as a result of loss of consortium proximately caused by the harm suffered by her Plaintiff husband.

damages as set forth below.

- 8. Upon information and belief, the Plaintiff sustained repetitive, traumatic subconcussive and/or concussive head impacts during NFL games and/or practices. Upon information and belief, Plaintiff suffers from symptoms of brain injury caused by the repetitive, traumatic sub-concussive and/or concussive head impacts the Plaintiff sustained during NFL games and/or practices. Upon information and belief, the Plaintiff's symptoms arise from injuries that are latent and have developed and continue to develop over time.
- 9. The original complaint by Plaintiffs in this matter was filed in the Superior Court of the State of California, County of Los Angeles on <u>July 26, 2012</u>. If the case is remanded, it should be remanded to the Superior Court of the State of California, County of Los Angeles.
  - 10. Plaintiffs claim damages as a result of [check all that apply]:

|   | $\boxtimes$ | Injury to Herself/Himself  |  |  |  |
|---|-------------|--|--|--|--|
|   |             | Injury to the Person Represented   |  |  |  |
|   |             | Wrongful Death   |  |  |  |
|   |             | Survivorship Action  |  |  |  |
|   | $\boxtimes$ | Economic Loss  |  |  |  |
| 11.   | Plair       | ntiff (and Plaintiff's Spouse) bring this case against the following                     |  |  |  |
| Defendants in this action [check all that apply]:                                   |             |  |  |  |  |
|   | $\boxtimes$ | Riddell, Inc.  |  |  |  |
|   | $\boxtimes$ | Riddell Sports Group, Inc.   |  |  |  |
|   | $\boxtimes$ | All American Sports Corp.  |  |  |  |
|   | $\boxtimes$ | BRG Sports, Inc., f/k/a Easton-Bell Sports, Inc.   |  |  |  |
|   | $\boxtimes$ | BRG Sports, LLC f/k/a Easton Bell Sports, LLC  |  |  |  |
|   | $\boxtimes$ | EB Sports Corp.  |  |  |  |
|   | $\boxtimes$ | BRG Sports Holdings Corp., f/k/a RBG Holdings Corp.                                      |  |  |  |
| 12.   | The         | Plaintiff wore one or more helmets designed and/or manufactured by the                   |  |  |  |
| Riddell Defendants during one or more years Plaintiff played in the NFL and/or AFL. |             |  |  |  |  |
| 13.   | Plair       | ntiff played in $\boxtimes$ the National Football League ("NFL") and/or in $\square$ the |  |  |  |
| American Footba   | ll Le       | ague ("AFL") during the following period of time 1976 - 1982 for the                     |  |  |  |
| following teams:  |             |  |  |  |  |
| Cincinnati Benga  | ıls, T      | ampa Bay Buccaneers, Oakland Raiders.  |  |  |  |
| 14.   | Plai        | ntiff retired from playing professional football after the <u>1982</u>                   |  |  |  |
| season.   |             |  |  |  |  |

## **CAUSES OF ACTION**

| 15. P   | Plair       | ntiffs herein adopt by reference the following Counts of the Second  |  |  |
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| Amended Master A  | Adn         | ninistrative Long-Form Complaint, along with the factual allegations |  |  |
| incorporated by reference in those Counts [check all that apply]: |             |  |  |  |
|   | $\boxtimes$ | Count I (Negligence)   |  |  |
| [   |             | Count II (Negligent Marketing)                                       |  |  |
| [   |             | Count III (Negligent Misrepresentation)                              |  |  |
| [   |             | Count IV (Fraud)   |  |  |
|   | $\boxtimes$ | Count V (Strict Liability/Design Defect)                             |  |  |
| [   | $\boxtimes$ | Count VI (Failure to Warn)   |  |  |
| [   |             | Count VII (Breach of Implied Warranty)                               |  |  |
| [   |             | Count VIII (Civil Conspiracy)  |  |  |
| [   |             | Count IX (Fraudulent Concealment)                                    |  |  |
| [   |             | Count X (Wrongful Death)   |  |  |
| [   |             | Count XI (Survival Action)   |  |  |
|   | $\boxtimes$ | Count XII (Loss of Consortium)                                       |  |  |
|   | $\boxtimes$ | Count XIII (Punitive Damages under All Claims)                       |  |  |
|   |             |  |  |  |

☐ Count XIV (Declaratory Relief: Punitive Damages)

### PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff (and, if applicable Plaintiff's Spouse) pray for judgment as follows:

- A. An award of compensatory damages, the amount of which will be determined at trial;
- B. An award of economic damages in the form of medical expenses, out of pocket expenses, lost earnings and other economic damages in an amount to be determined at trial;
- C. For punitive and exemplary damages as applicable;
- D. For all applicable statutory damages of the state whose laws will govern this action;
- E. For loss of consortium as applicable;
- F. For declaratory relief as applicable;
- G. For an award of attorneys' fees and costs;
- H. An award of prejudgment interest and costs of suit; and
- I. An award of such other and further relief as the Court deems just and proper.

#### **JURY TRIAL DEMAND**

Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 38, Plaintiffs hereby demand a trial by jury on all issues so triable.

Dated: October 30, 2017 Respectfully submitted,

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